

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
October 3, 2001

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
October 2001
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-01-503
Filed 09/20/01**

For gas bills issued during October 2001 MDU is increasing its propane purchased gas adjustment by \$.110 per dekatherm for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current propane purchased gas adjustment from \$1.040 per dk to \$1.150 per dk.

The propane price is a result of the lowest price MDU obtained from its regional bulk wholesale propane suppliers. The change in the price of propane is generally driven by a combination of crude oil and natural gas prices, weather, demand and inventory levels. There is no change in the over/under-recovery surcharge adjustment.

This PGA change will increase the October bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 7.5 dk by \$.83. There were 288 propane customers in Hettinger as of August 31, 2001.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane purchased gas adjustment for October 2001, Case No. PU-399-01-503.

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